

State Emergency Service

Media Release



Tuesday, 12 July, 2016

It will be cold again tonight

It's another chilly night forecast for this evening and State Emergency Service (SES) is urging people to once again check in on their vulnerable neighbours.

Chief of Staff Derren Halleday said SA Power Networks continues to work hard to restore power to people's homes, however adverse conditions are making their work difficult.

"We urge people to be patient in the wait for their electricity to be restored, in the meantime though it's important to check in on those who may be effected by the cold," Mr Halleday said.

"Make sure they are coping with the conditions, staying warm and have plenty of food and water."

Mr Halleday advised that people still needed to be careful in trying to heat their home. Don't use outside gas or heating appliances inside. A buildup of gas in an unventilated area can be deadly.

Strong winds are also forecast tonight so it is important motorists are vigilant, keep an eye out for trees and other debris on the roads and drive to the conditions."

SES volunteers, assisted by volunteers from the SA Country Fire Service (CFS) will continue to work well into the night to secure properties and clean up after these storm events.

"We would like to sincerely thank all of our volunteers and those from other agencies who are working tirelessly to ensure community safety.

"They've spent countless hours in the wet and windy weather this week sacrificing their comfort for the good of our communities – thank you."

What the SES wants people to do:

- Do not drive, ride, walk or play in floodwater.
- Closely monitor the weather situation, particularly in respect to the prospect of flooded creeks and waterways and flowing water (along with fallen trees and other debris) across roads.
- Be particularly careful driving on major roads such as the South Eastern Freeway. The very cold weather may result in icy, dangerous conditions for motorists.
- If safe to do so, ensure gutters/downpipes are clear of leaf litter and other material.
- Put away or secure anything that is loose in your backyard (outdoor furniture, garden tools, market umbrellas, etc).
- Do not park cars under trees. Do not camp under trees or in creek beds.
- Be aware of fallen powerlines. Always assume that they are live.
- **Call 132 500 for SES assistance. Call 000 (Triple Zero) if matter is life threatening.**

For media enquires telephone the SES Media Line on (08) 8211 6176

For SES response in floods or storms telephone 132 500. If the matter is life threatening telephone 000
www.ses.sa.gov.au